The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Address

Date

Dear Representative/Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you during Conservation District Week. Your continued support of conservation district budgetary line items and the subsequent project funds not only add up to significant quantifiable environmental benefits for all Pennsylvania citizens, but also injects capital into the private sector. Because of the multiplier effect, this capital becomes a major local economic driver. As you know, we are asking the PA General Assembly to increase funding in the “Transfer to the Conservation District Fund” lines in both the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) budgets to maintain current programs and services for local communities. We are hopeful that the PA General Assembly will increase the PDA line to $1.738 million and the DEP line to $5.010 million. These lines have not been increased since the 2004-2005 fiscal year and, consequently, no longer cover the costs of the programs administered by our conservation district.

Conservation districts have enjoyed partnering with state agencies in the past and are looking forward to working with them efficiently and cost-effectively in the future. By increasing the “Transfer to the Conservation District” lines in the PDA and DEP budget, districts will be able to continue providing the Commonwealth with the services Pennsylvania citizens have enjoyed and grown accustomed to receiving.

During our meeting, we also had the opportunity to discuss …

Additionally, we were able to discuss local natural resource concerns. In our county, we are working on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This project provides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you again for your continued support of our conservation district.

Sincerely,